BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

IN RE:

ELIZABETH L. VOSSELLER, S.L.P.

License Number:

2202-002671

Case Number:

177362

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology ("Board") and Elizabeth L. Vosseller, S.L.P., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Vosseller's license to practice speech-language pathology in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Elizabeth L. Vosseller, S.L.P., was issued License Number 2202-002671 to practice speech-language pathology on February 21, 1996. Said license is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2018.
- 2. Ms. Vosseller violated Virginia Code § 54.1-2603(A) and 18 VAC 30-21-20(A) and 18 VAC 30-21-160(11) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology in that between January 1, 2005 and December 13, 2017, she continued to practice as a speech-language pathologist, independently contracting with private clients and at Growing Kids Therapy Center, Herndon, Virginia, despite the fact that her license expired on December 31, 2004, and was not reinstated until December 14, 2017.

CONSENT

Elizabeth L. Vosseller, S.L.P., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

- 1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Emily Jenkins, Esq.;
- 2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 et seq.;
- 3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
 - 4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
- 5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
- 6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my license to practice speech-language pathology in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology hereby ORDERS that Elizabeth L. Vosseller, S.L.P., is placed on PROBATION for a period of not less than 36 months subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The period of probation shall begin on the date that this Order is entered and shall continue for 36 months. Ms. Vosseller may request that the Board terminate her probation after not less than 36 months from the date this Order is entered. Upon receipt of evidence that Ms. Vosseller has complied with the terms and conditions of this Order for no less than 36 months of active clinical practice, the Committee authorizes the Executive Director of the Board to terminate the probation imposed upon Ms. Vosseller's

license. In the alternative, the Executive Director may refer the matter to a Special Conference Committee of the Board for further administrative proceedings.

- 2. All reports required by this Order shall be submitted in writing to the Board office with the first report being received no later than 60 days following the date that this Order is entered. Subsequent reports must be received annually by December 31 until the period of probation ends. Ms. Vosseller is fully responsible for ensuring that all required reports are properly submitted and received by the Board in a timely manner.
- 3. Ms. Vosseller is assessed a MONETARY PENALTY of \$8,000.00. This penalty shall be paid to the Board by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia within 36 months from the date of entry of this Order. Failure to pay the full monetary penalty by the due date may cause the matter to be sent for collection and constitutes grounds for an administrative proceeding and further discipline.
- 4. During the period of probation, in addition to those continuing education hours required for renewal of her license, Ms. Vosseller shall complete ten hours of Board-approved continuing education ("CE") every year in the subjects of ethics, business management, and professional issues. A minimum of three of the ten additional hours of CE Ms. Vosseller completes each year shall be in the subject of ethics and shall be completed through face-to-face, interactive sessions (i.e., no home study, journal, or Internet courses) and in accordance with the Regulations in effect at the time the course(s) are completed. While on probation, Ms. Vosseller shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of all CE hours required for compliance with this Term on or before the 31st day of December each year beginning December 31, 2019.
- 5. Ms. Vossiler shall provide any and all practice employers and contracting agencies who employ her as a speech-language pathologist immediately upon employment with a copy of this Order

in its entirety. Ms. Vosseller shall ensure that any practice employers and contracting agencies for whom she works as a speech-language pathologist during the period of probation provide written verification to the Board that they are aware of the restrictions on her license and are in possession of a copy of this Order within 15 days of beginning any new employment.

- 6. Within 30 days of entry of this Order, Ms. Vosseller shall remove testimonials of patients treated during the period of time that she was unlicensed (January 1, 2004 December 13, 2017) from her website and advertising and shall submit written verification to the Board that she has complied with this Term.
- 7. Ms. Vosseller shall submit "Self-Reports" annually as stated in Term No. 2 of this Order. These reports shall include a current address, telephone number, and verification of any and all current practice employment, as well as any changes in practice employment status. Self-Reports must be submitted whether Ms. Vosseller has current practice employment or not.
- 8. Ms. Vosseller shall notify the Board within ten days, in writing, of any changes in the location of her practice; additional practice locations; change in employment, including termination, suspension, separation, or other interruption in practice (including the name and address of any new employer and the date of employment); change in address, telephone number, or e-mail address; and/or criminal charges or convictions.
- 9. Ms. Vosseller shall bear any costs associated with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- 11. Ms. Vosseller shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of speech-language pathology in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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- 12. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of speech-language pathology shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.
- 13. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order within four years of the date of entry of the Order may be reason for revoking or suspending the license of Ms. Vosseller and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether to impose such action.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

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Executive Director Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

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COUNTY/CITY OF FOITFOX , TO WIT: Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this 18th day of October My commission expires: 7633640 Registration No.:

FOR THE BOARD